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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kessler *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 5088

Application No.: 09/530,747

Group Art Unit: 1634

Filed: October 23, 2000

Examiner: Sakelaris, S.

For: SPECIFIC AND SENSITIVE  
NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION  
METHODAttorney Docket No.: 18676-US2  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$0.00.


The claim amendment fee has been estimated as shown below:

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TOTAL	9	MINUS	20	0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$ 0.00
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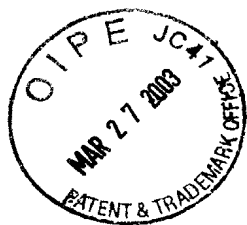
Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.  
A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 27, 2003

  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the non-final Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned Application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendment and remarks that follow is respectfully requested. Filed herewith are Exhibit A (Specification Amendment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made), Exhibit B (Claim Amendment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made), Exhibit C (Claim Amendment: Pending Claims After Entry of Instant Amendment), and an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.

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